

## Tick Testing to Resume

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The Indiana State Department of Health and the Public Health Entomology Laboratory at Ball State University are pleased to announce that tick identification and testing will once again be available to citizens of Indiana during the 2004 tick season. Ticks may be submitted via mail or other shipping arrangement to:

**Public Health Entomology Laboratory  
Department of Physiology and Health Science  
Ball State University  
Muncie, IN 47306-0511**

(The building room number for Fed-Ex delivery is the  
Cooper Life Science Building, Room CL 325).  
The telephone number is (765) 285-1504.

### Guidelines for Submitting Ticks

Ticks should be sent as promptly as possible to increase the likelihood that they arrive at the laboratory in good condition. **Only ticks that were attached to humans** will be tested for disease, although all ticks submitted will be identified. Ticks should be placed in a sealed vial with one-inch long blade of grass (for moisture). Information to be submitted with the tick should include: Name of person submitting the tick, date and location (including county) where the tick was collected, the name of the person to whom the tick was attached, and where the results should be sent.

(Note: Tick identification and testing results **should not be considered diagnostic tools**; they are for confirmatory use only. Medical treatment should **not** be delayed in order to await these test results).

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